## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A method for providing access to instrumentation data from within a runtime computing environment, comprising:

providing an instrumentation data access interface within said runtime environment;

receiving a request at said instrumentation data access interface for instrumentation data available outside said runtime environment;

transmitting a request for said instrumentation data to an instrumentation data source external to said runtime environment;

receiving a response to said request to said instrumentation data source;

converting said response to a format that is compatible with said runtime environment; and

responding to said request for instrumentation data with said converted response.

- 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said instrumentation data access interface comprises an instrumentation client API exposed within said runtime computing environment.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2 Claim 1, wherein converting said response comprises converting a component object model object to a management object that is compatible with said runtime computing environment.
- 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said management object encapsulates the properties of a management object accessible through said instrumentation data source.
- 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said response comprises an indication that an operation was unsuccessful and wherein said format comprises a management exception object.
- 6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said indication that an operation was unsuccessful comprises error codes.
- 7. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of any one of Claims 1-6.
- 8. (Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of any one of Claims 1-6.

9. (Original) A method for accessing instrumentation data from within a runtime computing environment, comprising:

receiving a request to construct a management object comprising said instrumentation data;

in response to said request, querying an instrumentation data access interface within said runtime environment for said instrumentation data;

determining whether said instrumentation data was successfully returned; and

in response to determining that said instrumentation data was successfully returned, constructing said management object and populating said management object with said instrumentation data.

- 10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said request comprises a request to bind a management class to an instance of a management object accessible through a management instrumentation data source.
- 11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said request further comprises a management scope object identifying a namespace associated with said external management object.
- 12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein said request further comprises a management path object identifying a path to said external management object.
- 13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein said request further comprises a management options object specifying options to be utilized when connecting to said management object.
  - 14. (Original) The method of Claim 10, further comprising:

throwing a management exception object in response to determining that said instrumentation data was not successfully returned.

- 15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the properties of said management object may be accessed utilizing an indexer.
- 16. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of any one of Claims 9-15.

(Original) A computer-controlled apparatus capable of performing the method of any one of Claims 9-15.